

## CURRENT TOPICS.

### The News in Brief.

The Italian Government will send two cruisers to the Congo Country to protect its interests.

The Vatican disapproves and deplores the movement of Irish Bishops in favor of Parnell.

The Pennsylvania coal miners' strike has collapsed and the men are returning to work at the proposed reduction.

There were 26 business failures in the United States during the seven days ended the 21st, against 24 the preceding week.

The Ohio State Dental Association, at its annual session at Columbus, concluded to disband on account of internal dissension.

OFFICER HENRY SCHERER, of Cincinnati, on the 7th of wounds received during the disturbances at the October election.

At the Cabinet Council at Madrid, over which King Alfonso presided, the special treaty of commerce with the United States was discussed.

The Chicago Press Club met on the 24th and appointed a committee to draft resolutions on the death of William F. Storey, late owner of the Times.

EX-CONGRESSMAN CHAS. J. FAULKNER, of West Virginia, died at Martinsburg on the 1st. He was Minister to France under President Buchanan.

ADVISES have been received by Earl Granville at London to the effect that China does not want England's mediation in the difficulty with France.

CAPTAIN EADS will visit Galveston, Tex., November 15th, with the Congressional Delegation to the Texas Exposition.

GENERAL WOLSELEY arrived at Ambler on the 24th in his progress up the Nile. The Canadian boatmen had succeeded in getting 120 boats over the second cataract.

FOURTEEN deaths resulted from the fire-damp explosion at Youngstown, Pa., on the 25th. Seven others were badly burned or bruised, two of whom it was thought would die.

A DISPATCH from Cairo of the 25th announced that Khartoum had fallen after a desperate struggle by General Gordon and his followers. The report lacks confirmation.

The funeral services of the late William F. Storey of Chicago took place on the 24th, and were largely attended. There was a profusion of magnificent floral tributes.

REPRESENTATIVES MILLIKIN and Stewart, of the Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Justice, have signed a minority report on the investigation by that committee.

THE Provincial Assembly, at Sidney, N. S. W., by a majority of one, shelved the resolution in favor of the federation of the Australian provinces and the annexation of New Guinea.

A GRAND FETE was held at Ramsgate, Eng., the home of Sir Moses Montefiore, on the 28th, in honor of the philanthropist's centenary. The poor were made glad by bountiful largesse.

THE productive capacity of the Russian oil fields of Bakou, on the Caspian Sea is estimated at 40,000,000 tons of crude oil annually. One well is reported as producing 3,000 barrels a day.

GENERAL WOLSELEY will have 8,500 English troops in his expedition to Khartoum. The Master of Dongola has promised to furnish a contingent of 2,000 men, to be armed with Remington rifles.

THE Teemer-Gardner second race at Crove Creek Lake, St. Louis, Mo., on the 24, was not a success, owing to the fact that Teemer's boat sprung a leak. Gardner came in several hundred yards ahead. He was declared the winner, but all bets declared off.

THE Coroner's Jury in the case of Chancery St. Martin, the thirteen-year-old Brooklyn boy, who stabbed and killed the bully who was molesting him in Brooklyn a few nights since, found that he acted solely in self defense, and discharged him from custody.

EX-GOVERNOR MONROE of South Carolina, incarcerated in jail at Detroit, Mich., on a charge of swindling, attempted suicide by hanging on the 20th, but was discovered and cut down in time to save him for the law to deal with. He was sent to the House of Correction for three months.

THE Congressional Commission to inquire into the South American trade was in session at Baltimore, Md., on the 27th. The opinion was expressed that the surest way to secure South American business was to subsidize steamship lines, as England does.

SIX men were precipitated 200 feet down the shaft of a mine at the Canada Steel Company's works near Londonderry, Nova Scotia, on the 24th, by the giving way of the cage gearing. Three were instantly killed, and two fatally and one seriously injured.

WHILE a cigar-factory was burning in Chicago on the 26th, James Carr, the foreman, went back to the fifth story to see if any person remained behind. All avenues of escape were cut off when he attempted to return, and in jumping he was horribly mangled and died instantly.

COMMISSIONER-GENERAL MOREHEAD, now in Canada, in the interest of the World's Exposition at New Orleans, has received official advice that Parliament, with only two dissenting votes, appropriate \$50,000 for the Dominion exhibit at the New Orleans Exposition this winter.

FRIENDS of the late Callet Strong, of Oregon, whose death at the Naval Academy was suspected to have been caused by severe hazing, are investigating the matter. It is understood a gentleman from Oregon is taking an active part in the investigation, had a talk with Senator Dolph in Washington, and told him when would have the case presented to the grand jury, making all implicated stand criminal trial in the courts, and not by court-martial.

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

MRS. RUTHERFORD B. HAYES was elected President of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church at its session in Baltimore, Md.

THE coal miners at Angus, Ia., struck on the 24th for an advance of one-half cent a bushel.

THE Health Exposition at London closed the evening of the 26th. The total number of visitors was 4,157,481.

LE TEMPL, one of the leading journals of Paris, asserts that England is preparing to annex the whole coast of the Red Sea to Egypt.

SMALL boys at Hamilton, Ont., became so infuriated at a concert's show there that they lashed one of their little comrades, resulting in the boy's death.

LEWIS STYLES was instantly killed and Albert Hancock fatally injured by an explosion of dynamite at Tomah, Wis., on the night of the 25th. The dynamite was in a buggy, and sparks from fireworks in a political parade ignited it.

LINDEN COOK, for over half a century identified with the manufacturing interests of Fall River, Mass., fell dead on the doorstep of his residence in that city on the evening of the 25th. He was seventy-three years of age.

In a railway collision near Moscow, Russia, on the 24th, four peasants were killed and thirty severely injured.

The stable connected with Henry Kifer's brewery at Brooklyn, N. Y., burned on the 24th, involving a loss of \$50,000. Fifteen fine horses were cremated and an ice-machine, which cost \$22,000.

The Supreme Court of Ohio granted a stay of execution in the case of Joe Palmer, who was to have been hanged in Cincinnati on the 31st.

The American Oriental Society held its annual meeting at Baltimore, Md., on the 24th, Prof. W. D. Whitney, of New Haven, Conn., presiding.

SEVENTEEN cattle thieves are reported to have been captured and lynched in the Range Mountains, Colorado, twenty or thirty miles west of Georgetown.

The Council polygamy case was dismissed at Salt Lake City, on the 31st.

The editors of Charles Dickens' correspondence are said to have discovered his diary.

STUDENTS attending King's College at Halifax have rebelled and demand the retirement of the President and several professors.

The Paris Telegrapher is authority for the statement that Perry has accepted England's mediation to mediate between France and Germany.

The German corvettes Bismarck, Gneisenau, Oiga and Ariadne sailed on the 30th for West Africa. The Bismarck is the flag-ship of the squadron.

Mrs. JOHANNA McCORMACK, at one time in the circumstances, literally starved to death recently in Philadelphia, Pa.

The Executive Committee of the Southwestern Railway Association decided on the 30th that the Missouri Pacific was not to be recognized as a Chicago Road since it is no longer in the Wash combination.

King Humbert of Italy with a silver medal for devotion to the cholera-stricken people of Naples.

A CONVENTION of Christian workers, led by Moody and Sankey, was in session at Worcester, Mass., on the 31st.

THE City of the steamer Manassah, which was burned at sea, makes a statement concerning the disaster. Not a man was lost, and all arrived on the steamer Rhein at New York on the 31st.

The massing of Chinese troops in the vicinity of Shanghai and Peking is still going on.

CHOLERA has appeared in the Lower Seine region of France, and Italy has established a quarantine against all ports from Dieppe to Cherbourg.

The result of the German elections divides the representatives among more than six different parties.

J. J. BAILEY, discharged book-keeper of the National Bank of America, Chicago, is accused of being \$5,000 short in his accounts.

The Congo Conference will meet at Berlin November 12th. Prince Bismarck will preside at the opening and closing of the conference.

The French Government has sent an official representative to Corea to watch the interests of Frenchmen there, as the German influence predominates in that country.

BILL BASS, colored, was hanged at Paris, Tex.; George Hill, in Cherokee County, Ga., and Ike Fain, colored, at Kingston, Tenn., were also legally hanged into eternity on the 24th.

It is reported that rebels recently captured an English reconnaissance party south of Dongola.

SECRETARY McCULLOUGH took the oath of office and assumed charge of the Treasury Department on the 31st.

PRESTON D. JONES, editor of the Providence (R. I.) Sunday Dispatch, was found dead in his room on the morning of the 21st. Supposed cause, apoplexy.

The Association for the Advancement of Women, in session at Baltimore, Md., elected Mrs. B. H. Howe, President.

FRANK BOWMAN, founder of the Mendocino Golf Club, died in New York on the 30th.

PETER FINKLE, known as "Big Thunder" during the old-time anti-reb troubles in New York State, died at Schodack, N. Y., on the 24th.

The look-up at Edgerton, Miss., was partially burned on the night of the 24th, and a young man named Gunderson, confined therein, was burned to death.

ALBERT and Charles Goodman were executed on the same scaffold in the St. Barthelemy Parish (La.) Jail on the 24th, for the murder of Louis Maspero last winter.

Two iron roofs fell from the roof of an elevator at Duluth, Minn., on the 21st, a distance of nearly one hundred feet, and were mashed almost to a jelly.

DOMINICK MCCAFFERY wants to fight John L. Sullivan for \$5,000 and has received official advice that Parliament, with only two dissenting votes, appropriate \$50,000 for the Dominion exhibit at the New Orleans Exposition this winter.

FIFTY pounds of dynamite were stolen from a factory at Kindberg, Styria, on the 24th. The people were uneasy over the probable outcome.

It is estimated that the decrease of the public debt for October was \$2,250,000. In the Youngstown mine disaster investigation the Coroner's jury returned a verdict that the men came to their death from an explosion of fire-damp, together with effects of after-damp.

DAVID JONES, Sanford Hastings and Charles Higgins broke out of the Sandusky (O.) Jail on the 25th and escaped.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

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As a preventive of petroleum fires it is now proposed to place a bottle of ammonia in each barrel of the oil; on ignition, by accident or otherwise, the bottle would break and the effect of the ammonia vapors would be to extinguish the flames.

—Rev. Father De Marzo, of San Francisco, has invented an altar lamp which will burn for a long period, brightly at night and dimly in the daytime. The lamp is said to resemble a small engine and to measure nearly four feet in height.

## BRIGNOLI'S LAST HOURS.

Death of the Celebrated Tenor, Sig. Pasquale Brignoli, Veteran of the Roman and Italian Forces from Khartoum and the Final Capture of Gordon at Shendi—The Interpol Englishman Turned Out to El Mahdi.

NEW YORK, October 12.

Brignoli, the renowned tenor and gentleman of the world died last evening at four o'clock at the Everett House. Of the countless friends and acquaintances who greeted him in public, but two were at his bedside—Dr. Carnochan, his physician, and J. Meyer, a young pupil. Brignoli had been ill two months, but the direct cause of his death was hemorrhage of the liver. He had, however, been afflicted with kidney troubles, and after singing in Dublin August 17th, he was feeling ill, and by the advice of a physician came to New York, where he appeared to grow stronger, and a week after his arrival was engaged with his pupil, Meyer, in writing new music. He also seemed to perform in San Francisco for six weeks. Three weeks since he had another sharp attack of illness. He grew weaker, and a few days ago his voice began to fail him, and he began to despair. He frequently asked for brandy, saying it was the only thing that would restore his voice. When Dr. Carnochan entered the apartment today he noticed a bad change in his condition. Meyer secured the services of one of the hotel employees to sit up all night with the invalid and was about to depart, when Brignoli beckoned him back and whispered, "Will you have me?"

Meyer placed his hand on the forehead of the sick man, and as he did so Brignoli drew a long breath and closed his eyes. The physician watched him a few moments and felt his pulse. It was beating feebly, and in a short time stopped.

A few visitors called during the evening and gazed upon the features of the dead tenor. A sudden death was seen in the Paris, where a brother and sister of Brignoli dwelt, asking them what disposition they desired to be made of the body.

Brignoli was born in Naples about 1830. He was a gifted and successful singer, and a manufacturer of gloves, but discovering that his son was gifted with an unusually beautiful voice, he decided upon giving him a musical education. He studied at the conservatory in Naples, and in 1850, in his twenty-first year, he reached easily to B flat, and his sweet and silvery timbre and the facility with which he came from his throat rendered one of the most beautiful voices of the world.

His organ had lost both compass and resonance, but in simple ballads it still had power to enthral the listener. As a man he was fixed by those who knew him well. He married Miss Isabella McCulloch, a Southern songstress, who died three or four years ago.

SAFELY IN PORT.

The Passengers and Crew of the Steamship Manassah Rescued by the U. S. S. Albatross, and Landed Safely in New York—Passenger's Account of the Disaster.

NEW YORK, October 12.

The steamer Rhein, which arrived from Bremen, reports that on October 21st, at seven o'clock in the evening, in latitude 49 deg. 53 min., longitude 27 deg. 41 min., she fell in with the Dutch steamer Manassah from Rotterdam for New York, which was all ablaze. The Rhein took from her boats the passengers and crew, numbering 186 in all